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Submit your nominations online



















Montgomery County Council Reschedules Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg Area Wednesday, March 2 8:00pm

The Montgomery County Council, which each year holds Town Hall Meetings throughout the County in its efforts to find out what issues most concern residents, will meet with residents of the County's fastest-growing community when it hosts a Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg. Residents will be encouraged to ask questions on any issue. Among the issues that are expected to be discussed are the continued development of Clarksburg, the impact on the community of the future outlet mall, efforts to protect the Ten Mile Creek area, schools, transportation needs, public safety including the location of a new fire station and the upcoming process to formulate the County's Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget.

The Council originally planned to host the Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg on Jan. 27, but that meeting was postponed following the overwhelming snow storm that hit the Washington region that week.

The meeting will be recorded by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. Susan Kenedy, a producer for the County station, will moderate the meeting.

The nine-member Council is composed of President Nancy Floreen; Vice President Roger Berliner; and Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Tom Hucker, Sidney Katz, George Leventhal, Nancy Navarro, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer.

For more information regarding the Town Hall Meeting, call 240-777-7931.

Interactive Map of County-Designated African American Historic Sites and Districts Launched to Honor Black History

In honor of African American heritage in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Planning Department, in coordination with Montgomery Parks, part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, have launched a map of historically African American places included in the County's formal register of architecturally or culturally significant buildings and places. This project was initiated at the request of Montgomery County Councilmember George Leventhal to mark the 2016 celebration of Black History Month.

See full press release at http://montgomery-planning-department-launches-map-of-county-designated-african-american-historic-sites-and-districts-to-honor-black-history

View Montgomery County's Locally Designated Historic African American Sites and Places Online Map.

The African American Health Program presents

Diabetes Education Classes

a free class series for Diabetes Prevention & Control

Gaithersburg Library 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg Tuesdays March 1, 8, 15 and 22 & Tuesdays June 7, 14, 21 and 28 White Oak Library 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring Thursdays April 7, 14, 21 and 28 & Tuesdays July 5, 12, 19 and 26

All classes are from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Registration is required! Call Diane at 240.773.0387

Dennis Avenue Health Center to Open in NEW Location on March 5; Services Suspended March 4 to March 9

The Dennis Avenue Health Center, located at 2000 Dennis Avenue in Silver Spring, will move to its newly constructed building, adjacent to the current building, on Saturday, March 5. Services at the Center will be suspended from Friday, March 4 through Wednesday, March 9 in order for equipment and supplies to be moved and set up in the new building. There will be limited phone service during the move period.

The Center, part of the County's Department of Health and Human Services, houses a variety of programs, including the HIV/STD program; tuberculosis and refugee health; immunizations; disease control and public health emergency preparedness. Clients will be notified in advance of the move.

Residents with an urgent need to reach program staff should call 3-1-1 and appropriate staff will be notified.

Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Interim Superintendent Bowers, & Montgomery College President Pollard to host 5 forums on education budget

Wednesday, March 9 6:30pm-8:30pm Gaithersburg High School 101 Education Road, Gaithersburg

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard on Feb. 17 will host the third in a series of five public forums to provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. This will be the second annual Countywide tour to address the budget process. The forums also will talk about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt its Fiscal Year 2017 budget. In May, the County Council will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

The forum series will continue on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 16, at Magruder High School at 5939 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville.
- Wednesday, March 23, at Thomas S. Wootton High School at 2100 Wootton Parkway in Rockville.

All forums will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov

Leggett Seeks Applicants for New Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the newly established Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (GSGTMDAC). The vacancies are for representatives of the following in the GSGTMD: 4 private sector employers, of which 2 must be employers of 50 or more employees, and 2 must be employers of fewer than 50 employees; 2 major public sector employers, including the Universities at Shady Grove and the National Cancer Institute or other public sector employers of more than 50 employees; 4 residents of neighborhoods (such as The Villages at Decoverly, Avalon at Traville, the Crossings at Washingtonian Center, and the City of Derwood) in the unincorporated areas of the County; and 3 development interests selected from among developers active in the area; 1 member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce; and non-voting residents of properties located within the GSGTMD that are also within the municipalities of Rockville and Gaithersburg.

To view the boundaries of the GSGTMD, see the map at the following link and use the mapping tools to zoom in on a location: http://gis.montgomerycountymd.gov/tmd/. For more information on the GSGTMD (and other TMDs), please click on the following link: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/tmd/index.html. For additional questions, please contact James Carlson, at (240) 777-8382 or james.carlson@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. **Members of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan Implementation Advisory Committee may not serve on the GSGTMDAC.**

The deadline for application is March 11, 2016.

Please Note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!

You may access vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions through the following link: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html. Please read instructions carefully on that page, where you will find a link directly to the vacancy announcements.



#RespectYourSelfie

A conference on healthy dating relationships for teens.

Sunday, March 20 1:00pm-4:30pm Richard Montgomery High School

There will be free food, prizes for early registrants and early arrivers at the conference, celebrity guests, and a selfie red carpet event! The school with the highest level of participation will be recognized. There also will be separate breakout sessions for parents, youth service providers, and school personnel to attend.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is partnering this year with the Family Justice Center Foundation and the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Montgomery County to present this conference.

For more information, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/chooserespect.html

Nominations Are Now Open!



To recognize individuals who helped neighbors and their communities by shoveling sidewalks, Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen will once again present SAFE (Sidewalks Are For Everyone) Golden Shovel Awards to residents who went "above and beyond" in helping clear ice and snow from sidewalks.

Council President Floreen, who chairs the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee, began the Golden Shovel Awards in 2003 to honor residents who helped shovel out neighbors. She is now asking for nominations for those who stood out during this harsh winter.

Nominees must be County residents and must be recommended by another person. Those completing the form need to describe in detail why the candidate should receive an award. Nominations will be considered based on their humanitarian efforts to clear snow from sidewalks in the County.

Nomination forms are available online at: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Floreen/GoldenShovel.html.

For questions or more information, contact Councilmember Floreen's Office at Councilmember.Floreen@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-7959.

Nominations must be mailed or e-mailed by Friday, March 25. Awards will be presented at a County Council session in Rockville on Tuesday, April 19.

Familiarize Yourself with the New Voting System Before the Presidential Primary Election

The Montgomery County Board of Elections encourages the County's residents to become familiar with the new, **paper based**, **digital image scan voting system** prior to arriving for the Presidential Primary Election, Tuesday, April 26, or during Early Voting, April 14 - 21. Demonstration voting units will be available at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Ave., Suite 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-3121; Tel: 240-777-8500; MD Relay: 1-800-735-2258.

This year the State of Maryland is implementing a new, paper based, optical scan voting system. During Early Voting, voters will make their selections on a ballot-marking device. Once all selections are made, a ballot will be printed. The voter will then verify the ballot and insert it in a scanner for tabulation. On Election Day, voters will mark their selections with a pen on paper ballots prior to inserting them in the scanner for tabulation.

For a list of upcoming outreach events, where the new system may be seen, visit our website at www.777vote.org. For additional information contact Dr. Gilberto Zelaya, 240-777-8532; or email qilberto.zelaya@montgomervcountymd.gov.

For more election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org, the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at http://elections.state.md.us, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

Civil Rights Educational Freedom Tour National Cultural Cultural

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! 2016 Civil Rights Educational Freedom Tour April 3 - 10, 2016

Registration is now open for the upcoming annual civil rights historic bus tour that retraces the steps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights heroes. The tour is hosted by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, in collaboration with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, the African American Employees Association, the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The bus tour leaves Rockville on April 3 and returns on April 10. The tour will travel to Greensboro, NC; Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, AL; Memphis and Nashville, TN; Little Rock, AR and Jackson, MS to retrace the Freedom Trail to learn about Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers and the Montgomery Bus Boycott, voter's rights, Little Rock Nine and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement.

Join us for this inspired and educational tour as we travel south to visit the birth place of the Civil Rights Movement. The tour is available to county and non-county residents.

SEATS ARE LIMITED. Click here for Registration Information. See Tour Itinerary here.

Pothole Season is Here!

Recent snow and rain storms as well as frequent temperature swings have led to more potholes. To report them on County roads (i.e., roads without numbers) simply dial 311, or submit an <u>online service form</u>. For State highways (any road with a number is a state highway, e.g., MD Route 355, MD Route 27, et al.), report them to 301-513-7300 or online at Maryland SHA.

Montgomery County Public Libraries' Announces Free Mobile Charging Stations Now Available in All Branches

Is your mobile device low on power? Get charged at a new charging station at any of Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) branch libraries. The charging stations provide a secure and quick way to power up your phone, tablet, or laptop while visiting your local library.

Learn more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15800

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library

 $\textbf{Department of Recreation} \ \underline{\textbf{http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp} \\$

Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html

Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp

Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx

Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org

Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html

Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html